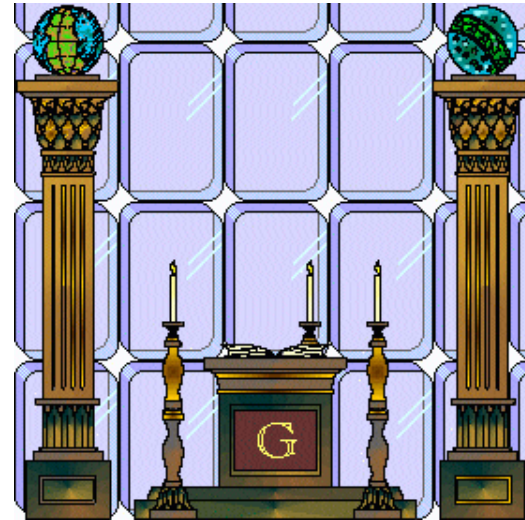


Gideon Lodge #84 F. & A.M.

Kingston, NH



Church Street, P.O. Box 372
Kingston, NH 03848
142 Years of Masonry in Kingston

Stated Communications: 7:30 pm
1st Monday of Month
October – June
September – Tuesday after Labor Day

Dinner Reservations Required
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Work of the Lodge

Rehearsals for second degree will be the Tuesday following the second Monday and the 3rd and 4th Monday as needed to prepare for the Fellowcraft Degree.

Our next regular meeting is **April 6th**. Meal at 6:30 p.m. and business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Brother Ken Weyler, S.W. will present a talk about the state budget of New Hampshire. Brother Weyler was a town representative for Kingston for several years.

Matchmaker

Match each celebrity with his given name:

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| 1. Tony Curtis | a. Gordon Sumner |
| 2. George Burns | b. Maurice Micklewhite |
| 3. Michael Caine | c. Nathan Birnbaum |
| 4. Sting | d. Joe Yule, Jr. |
| 5. Mickey Rooney | e. Bernard Schwartz |

Answers on next page

Cool Custom

Babe Ruth was born on Feb. 6, 1895. He often wore a cabbage leaf under his baseball cap to keep cool. He changed it every few innings.

FAQs: Frequently Asked Questions

Why are Masons of second degree called Fellowcrafts?

Probably prior to 1726 all Freemasons except the "King's Master Mason" were either Apprentices or Fellows of the Craft, in imitation of the workers of the operative days, when apprentices became fellows after a period of seven years training and the making of a "Master's Piece" to show proficiency in some part of a mason's work. We continue the old names, as preferable to such modernizations as "beginners" and "members."

*The lives of **Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy** had a number of coincidences:*

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in **1846**; **John F. Kennedy** in **1946**.

Abraham Lincoln was elected president in **1860**; **John F. Kennedy** in **1960**.

Both were shot on a **Friday**.

Andrew Johnson succeeded Lincoln; **Lyndon B. Johnson** succeeded Kennedy.

The Metric Holdout

What with globalization, every American car manufacturer now uses the metric system. Practically every nut and bolt is measured in millimeters, and even torque specifications are given in newton-meters and not foot-pounds. Every car, from the lowly Dacia to the Mercedes, had one part that used the British measurement system of pounds, feet and inches. What part was it?

Answers to Matchmaker puzzle: 1. e; 2. c; 3.b; 4. a; 5. d.

FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Plan to **come to the luncheon on Friday, April 10, 2009 at 12 noon.** This is an opportunity to meet with your brothers and enjoy Masonic fellowship. We are looking for help to prepare the luncheon. Contact Ken Weyler, S.W. at 642-3518 if you can help.

Masters & Wardens Association

Meeting on March 26th at Strafford Lodge #29 in Dover, NH. Supper at 6:30 p.m and business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Casual dress. Discussion and solution of problems and coordination of plans within the district. Contact W. Br. Verne Anderson at 942-7199.

Website

Gideon Lodge is part of the First Masonic District. Please check the following website for calendar of events for all the lodges in our district.

<http://www.firstmasonicdistrictofnh.com>

Happy Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday wishes from the brothers of Gideon Lodge to the following brothers:

Stewart Aronson, Donald Briggs, Ronald Currier, Calvin Doherty, George Fales, Jr., Richard Gordon, James Herrick, Robert Hoffman, Harold Hutchinson, Jr., Donald Kemp, Lloyd Lessard, Glenn Miller, Craig Morse and Richard St. Hilaire

May each of you have a special day on your birthday.

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From the Master's Chair

Volunteerism and Americanism

Greetings Brothers,

Perhaps volunteering is one of the distinguishing attributes of America. It had its beginning very early in America. Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys is one example of a volunteer group that did their part to get American independent. Paul Revere was an example of volunteering. George Washington's army affords us another example of volunteering. They were not drafted or forced to join the army. The drafters of the Constitution were volunteers.

In our church in Kingston, 100 volunteers do many hours of work. This is remarkable for the size of the congregation.

I am reminded of the number of hours that firefighters and rescue squads spend doing volunteer work. In my own case, I spent 20 years as a volunteer rescue squad EMT in a small town in Vermont. This town is like a lot of others throughout the United States.

After the Vietnam War, the volunteer rescue squads began to flourish. The experience of providing immediate emergency care had saved many lives during the Vietnam War. EMTs take 120 hours of classroom training and six months of practical training to become certified as basic EMTs. It is still true today that many *volunteer* rescue squads are saving lives by being on scene early.

The savings in dollars to taxpayers for these programs is enormous. For example, in our small town, it was estimated by a professional squad business manager that the service provided by this volunteer squad would cost upwards of

\$250,000 per year. This is another example of worthwhile volunteerism.

Masons volunteer to do many services in their towns. In most cases, very few people outside of Masonry are aware that the Masons are responsible for the projects. Many lodges have picked up cans and debris along roadsides to keep the town roads looking respectable. Other lodges have worked on "child find" projects. Others provide scholarships to students. Think of the Shriners and the never-ending service they provide for children.

Many Masonic buildings are used for public meetings. In some lodges, there are Boy Scout meetings. Many Masons are the scout leaders. Many volunteers are necessary to make these projects possible.

One of the interesting aspects of volunteerism is the number of years that people do this kind of mission. A lady retired from the working world at 62 years young. At age 95 this lady is still volunteering at the hospital. This may appear like an exception but I don't think so.

Many people derive satisfaction out of volunteering. There is also satisfaction knowing that you have made a contribution to make this world better. I believe the American way of volunteering is what makes America better.

R.W. Clovis Leach, Worshipful Master

Answer to Metric Holdout: Tires!